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Things That

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The Old Soldier—Good morning, Mr. Editor. I have dropped in to leave you a couple of new potatoes and tell you that your paper gets better every week. Your account of my daughter's wedding was written in good style. I'll take about \$2 worth of extra papers. Say you did the other editor up in great shape in regard to licensing saloons. By the way, here's a dollar and a half, send your paper to that son-in-law of mine in Oshkosh. Guess I'd better give you another dollar and a half and let you send it to my wife's sister back in Kokomo. My crops are looking fine. Well, I guess I'll be going to run for sheriff and want you to say a good word for me. Of course you can't give me nothing, for we're ten dollars—but just then the editor woke up.

Let's Be Up-to-date

Observing the success of the Billy Sunday methods in the matter of conversion, "Puck" does to suggest that the attempt be made to apply the same method to other church ceremonies and activities, proposing the following formulas:

Pastor (christening infant)—"Will you want to call this lunk a fine excuse baggage, Bo?"

Presiding Parson—What miserable mutt giveth this skirt to be married to this gink?"

The Father—"I'm the guy, Industries Use—Slide, you leetards!"

Putting the Plates—Come across with the iron men, you low-lived tightwads! Sunday School Superintendent—All of you little flitters that want to eat Satan stand on one leg, Ex—"

Our Neighbors

To love your neighbor as yourself, is what the Good Book teaches, to lay your hats on the shelf, and think neighbors possible. To such a height we cannot soar, such precepts we're defining; we do not love the man next door, and that no effort trying. He has so many grievous faults that love could never abate them, and ordinary language fails when we'd enumerate them. His sins are measured by the yard, his vices are obtrusive; against such men we are on guard—we have to be exclusive. We're always looking for the sins of those who live around us, so that we may bring our moral shins, and worry and annoy us. To all of you, the broad, tall, white-haired, baldy faults we're scrutinizing, we sols look about to find their qualities redeeming. If we would train ourselves to look for good in other fellow, and not assume a man's a crook until he shows up yellow, we'd see our neighbors growing wings, we'd find them folks to cheer, and envy and such evil things from this old world would perish.

—Uncle Walt.

Alberta has gone "dry" by an overwhelming majority. Even the cities, with one exception, have voted for prohibition. This is a surprise to all who realize the financial disaster that will inevitably be caused by the adoption of this measure—a disaster that will entail all the more suffering because it will come at a time of acute financial depression. The result of the vote can leave no doubt in the mind of anyone concerning the enormous strength of the sentimental wave sweeping over the world in opposition to the use of alcoholic beverages. There cannot be the slightest doubt that the people are sincere and honest in their desire to do away with the recognized curse of alcoholism. They are not misled by the cranks and fanatics. Some few have been so misled—but not great movement, such as that which swept over Alberta the other day, can be accounted for on any other grounds than that the people are willing

to try anything that seems to promise freedom from the alcoholic nuisance.

The Prohibitionists have always opposed prohibition. It has always opposed any movement to control the sale of alcohol. It probably always will maintain that attitude. Still, this paper cannot fail to recognize the high motives of those who are willing to sacrifice prosperity, in order that an ideal may be achieved, even when serious proof that that ideal cannot be achieved by compulsion is available.

In a recent issue of the Literary Digest, the results of prohibition, so-called, in Russia are given. The figures are taken from leading Russian authorities.

According to the Russkiy Vratch, of Petrograd, the increase of mortality from alcoholism in that city is clearly marked. According to official data there were twenty-four cases of death from delirium tremens in the period from August 17 to September 13th, last, in that city.

From September 14th to October 11th there were thirty-three cases. From October 12th to November 8th, there were thirty-four cases. From November 9th to December 6th, there were forty-nine cases. From December 7th to January 3rd, there were fifty-three cases. From January 4th to January 31st, there were fifty-eight cases. From February 1st to February 28th there were sixty-six cases.

Commenting on these figures, the writer in the Russkiy Vratch says:

"Before prohibition, the mortality figures varied and changed without any regularity. The prohibitionists, however, claim that the mortality figures are steadily decreasing, and constant increase. The prohibition measures were becoming stricter and stricter; at first the sale of vodka was forbidden everywhere, but at the first-class restaurants; then the prohibition was extended also to those restaurants, but with the permission to sell beer and wine, and lastly there followed a general inhibition of the free traffic in any and all alcoholic drinks in general. And the mortality from alcoholism increased as those measures progressed."

"The constant rise of the mortality figures, which bears testimony to the growing number of consumers of different substitutes for vodka, shows that these are used more and more by the drunkards, and not generally by those classes who, before the prohibition law, used to drink moderately. From the report of the Oshkosh Hospital, at Petrograd, it can be seen that, among the victims of alcoholism who entered the hospital, the famous Novaya Vesyuna, strongly advocates the importance of providing some form of diversion for the people that will take the place of alcohol. It corroborates the statement of the hospital that the use of destructive substances for the natural pleasure."

These conditions deplorable in Russia, are conditions that we may expect to see develop in Western Canada as prohibition comes into effect. The people have resolved to give prohibition a trial. Let them do so—but when they undertake to give it a trial, they should be prepared to cope with the dangerous conditions that accompany such a system. All countries have found that a radical change in social life cannot be made without adopting a substitute for an age-long custom that it is desired to eradicate. If we are to have prohibition we should prepare now to solve the problems that will arise out of prohibition. The time to prepare to deal with evil is before they arrive—not after they are sprung upon us.—Winnipeg Post.

Engine and Coach Ditched Near Cowley

On Monday morning the engine and baggage coach of passenger 513, westbound, were ditched a few yards east of the big bridge over the South Fork, east of Cowley.

Engineer F. Bryans was slightly bruised, and Fireman Jack Shoutz, of Lettbridge, suffered a broken leg. These were the extent of the injuries. The engine was badly smashed up. Passengers were transferred to train 514 which met the wreck, and which ran back up the line, and which ran back up the line.

The recent rains had weakened the track near the bridge over the South Fork, and when the engine struck this place it cut the track, dragging the engine coach with it.

The only wonder, as expressed by those who saw the wreck, is that there was not greater damage and that all the cars did not follow the engine, which ploughed down the embankment shoving the dirt up until it had piled up enough to stop it. There would have been great loss of life among the passengers, had such been the case as the drop at this place is in the neighborhood of 80 or 100 feet.

Ten thousand live reindeer are to be delivered in Berlin this fall from Norway to be used for food. The Germans who have a winter on the Pacific coast will be used to the reindeer, dear!—Ex.

Cowley Happenings

Dr. Donald spent last week at Maycroft.

Mrs. W. C. Robinson has been confined to her bed for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bird paid a visit to friends at the North Fork last week.

Mrs. George Morgan, of Coleman, is the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Joe Morgan, this week.

Word has been received from the Peace River country of the death by drowning of one of Cowley's old timers, C. Bryce Miller.

On Sunday afternoon a heavy rain storm struck the district west of here and destroyed a great deal of grain and hay and vegetables.

Miss Alexander, who has been teaching school a short distance out of Blairmore, is spending her vacation with her brother Richard.

Much credit is due those who worked so hard for the Liquor Act. The Women's Institute coming in for a share of the credit. Don't forget the meeting next week which was postponed on account of the pluie.

James Bird, with several men, are busy back of the reservoir on the Swinney ranch getting the pipes into shape for running the water to the town which is much needed and will be gladly received.

Yes, Cowley polled a majority of 5 for the dry, the first western town to go dry. All west and the first town east went wet, so we say "Bravo" for our little town that wants to do right, and may she be able to keep it up and see that the law is enforced.

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Kean intend leaving next Tuesday for the east to spend a few months among relatives and friends in their old home at Orillia, Ontario. Mr. Kean's health has been slowly failing him, and he hopes the trip will restore him to his wonted vigor. Bob Littleton is taking charge of the business during their absence. We wish them a happy journey, and may they both come back feeling much better for their trip.

An accident occurred to the westbound passenger train on Monday morning just east of Cowley. As the train, travelling at a slow speed, approached one of the small trestles, the earth had just begun to undermine the trestle, with the result that the sagging of the track caused the engine to go upwards to the hillside, where it still stands. The baggage car still stands across the rails, while the remainder of the train held intact on the rails. The fireman sustained a broken ankle from falling into a ditch about fifty feet below, and is being attended by doctors. The accident delayed railway traffic for about six hours.

The farmers' picnic went off with the usual success on Friday, but the crowd was rather smaller than usual, owing to the rainy weather beforehand. It has been hard to get the work on the ranch done, and with the hay time on hand and harvest near the farmers feel that it is up to them to make hay while the sun shines. However, quite a number attended the picnic and the sports were good. A ball game was played between Cowley, North Fork and the River teams, resulting in a victory for the Rivers. Gordon Robinson, who was catching, had the misfortune to split his little finger, and had to let it off, thus weakening the Cowley team which up to the time of the accident was doing fine work. The best sport of the day was the obstacle race, which was won by Ralph Easterbrook. When diving for the apple in the tub of water, he missed the bite on the surface and followed the apple right to the bottom of the tub. He was a bit wet, but what matter, he gained the bottom of the tub, got the apple, reached the goal and won the prize. The day ended up cloudy, but the rain stayed away until night.

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At Coleman, Alberta.

A party of tourists from San Francisco motored through Blairmore enroute to Calgary on Monday. They enjoyed the hospitality of T. Madden at the Windsor hotel, Lundbreck, on Monday night.

Lt.-Col. Fred Sneath, brother of Mrs. (Hon.) Charles Stewart, of Edmonton, fell under a train while boarding near Barrie, Ontario, on July 15th, sustaining the loss of both feet. He was a popular officer of the 35th battalion at Niagara Camp.

The only strike we have knowledge of at present is that of the hotel (?) keepers in Stellarton. The town has no hotels, open to the public, and the question is "Which is to be preferred, a liquor-jea or an hotelless town?"—Mining Record.

Dr. J. W. Mackay returns this week from Rochester, where his brother, H. C. Mackay, principal of the Nanton public school, underwent a serious operation. During Dr. Mackay's absence, his practice at Blairmore and Frank was looked after by Dr. Bell, of Pasburey.

"You can't shoot me!" said little Anna White to her cousin, Alonso Heighton, whilst standing in the kitchen of her "home" at Asphalt, Stellarton. In reply the latter wheeled round, and playfully cocking the rifle pulled the trigger. The cartridge exploded and the bullet entered the little girl's head, killing her instantly.

OF LOCAL AND GENERAL INTEREST

J. F. Lank was up from Cowley yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. George left for Airdrie on Thursday morning.

Greenwood will give two machine guns to the All Kootenay Battalion.

Cranbrook may close the municipal training department of the public school work.

Fernie expects to raise enough money to buy a couple of machine guns for the 54th Battalion.

Principal Black and Miss Black returned to Coleman on Saturday night from a visit to Calgary.

United States' last word to Germany has gone forward, and may yet be followed by gun-speech.

The services of Mrs. S. W. Berry as pianist have been secured by the management of the opera house.

Alberta has had an exceedingly wet summer. It will be different next year, probably.—Vancouver Province.

Constable Nash, now stationed at Stand-off, spent Friday and Saturday with friends at Bellevue.

Miss McDougall, of Fernie, and Miss McMillan, of Cowley, registered at the Rocky Mountain Sanatorium on Sunday.

While the men were working at the dam at York Creek on Wednesday, two large deer came down to the creek to drink.

July 11th to 17th inclusive was the only week since the commencement of the war in which no British ships were sunk by the Germans.

Miss A. Shannett left by Monday night's "flyer" for Spokane, where we understand she is to be married to a former Blairmore boy.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; but the sea belongs to von Tirpitz and the Devil (Kaiser)!"—Book of Psalms, as amended by the Emperor of Germany.

The All-American Girls' baseball team, which was to have played a picked team here last year, is again travelling through Alberta and played a fast game at Strathmore on July 22nd.

Very little damage was done to wheat crops in the Blairmore-Coleman district by the hailstorm, although a number of cabbage plants in Church's orchard were practically annihilated.

The last issue of Bradstreet's shows that hotels in 46 small towns in Saskatchewan have suspended business since the act abolishing the bar went into effect on July 1st in that province.

H. F. and G. W. Green were summoned to the bedside of their mother on Monday night. Mrs. Green having suffered a sudden relapse. At the time of going to press her condition is slightly improved.

The stork pleads not guilty of bringing a daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Morgan last week, and out of respect to the Empire Mr. Stork asks us to state that in this case and all others the presentations must be boys. Here's luck to you, Stork.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. Rosback, sr., are moving into Washington.

Mrs. L. W. Kribs left Tuesday night to join her husband in the States.

Mr. and Mrs. Verge are the guests of Mrs. Birnie at Medicine Hat.—Albertan.

William Green came up from Lundbreck on Monday, on a visit to his mother.

L. H. Putnam paid a business visit to Macleod on Saturday, returning Sunday night.

Mrs. Gerard, of Pasburey, has taken up duties at St. Paul's Mission on the Blood Reserve.

J. W. McNeil, of the Canadian Credit Mens Association, was in town on Tuesday and Wednesday.

A number of rabbits belonging to Mr. Paul, Deerhorn Street, were destroyed by hawks or weasels last week.

The property of Mrs. L. W. Kribs on State Street and Eighth Avenue has been purchased by J. E. Gillis.

A bunch of wheat stalks measuring 64 feet in height and strongly headed were on exhibition at Cowley last week.

A McDougall and Miss McDougall, of Fernie, were last week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Macmillan at Cowley.

The new liquor act which comes into effect on July 1st, 1916, abolishes 320 hotel, club and wholesale liquor licenses.

A considerable quantity of rice and confetti has been purchased for use in the Pothier addition in the not far distant future.

J. Huston was given a "dry" send-off last night by the members of the International Order of Good Templars, of which he is a member.

R. W. Thompson, Chief of the Blood Reserve Indians, and Blue Whiskers Fleming, of Prigan, registered at the Cowley hotel on Friday, July 21st.

The Germans should not Russia with the idea that they can grab Warsaw with the same ease that a coon grabs a chicken in the dark of the moon. Warsaw Poland long before the Teutons could tell the difference between a Stein of beer and the shank of an overgrown bologna sausage.—R. T. Lowery.

This year there will be a greater number of visitors to Canada's lake and river districts than ever before. To these the appeal is made to protect the waters from pollution. The chief attraction of many resorts is the healthy atmosphere and the excellent fishing. Neither of these can continue unless the summer visitors do their part in sanitary protection.

This is a time of financial stringency, and the wiping out of millions of dollars worth of value in hotel and other properties in this province will affect all banks, loan companies, insurance companies, the majority of merchants, a host of employees, and will, therefore, tend toward a financial panic, and will at this stage make things worse rather than better.—Northern News.

Mr. Renfrew (Ontario) Mercury says: "Private Lyon Appleby, a former collegiate pupil who went overseas with the Queen's Medical Corps of the second contingent, has been promoted to the rank of lance-corporal, and is now at No. 5 Stationing hospital, England.

[Lance-Corporal Appleby, of Blairmore, son of Thomas Appleby, of Blairmore.]

If the present weather continues Alberta never will go dry.

The city of Fernie will give two machine guns to the 54th Kootenay Battalion.

Paul Tibbadeau landed twenty-five fine trout near Lundbreck on Saturday last.

The German offensive in Poland has been brought to a stand-still by the Russians.

Const. Parsons went to Macleod last week end to attend the funeral of the late Const. Fiddison.

Mike Donnelly and James Fisher have gone to Montana, where they will study prohibition.

It is estimated that Western Canada's wheat crop this year will amount to 240,000,000 bushels.

Friends are nice things to have, but one enemy can give you more trouble than 1001 friends.—Ex.

Over one thousand lives were lost by the overturning of a pleasure boat in the Chicago river on Saturday.

Wednesday next will be generally cold and as the university of the commencement of the world's greatest war.

Mrs. H. M. Bennett, accompanied by Misses Annie and Christine Macleod, spent a few days in Macleod last week.

Nine British trawlers were sunk by German submarines in the North Sea recently. The crews all escaped without injury.

An Anil is being made to form a co-operative company of local capitalists to operate a general supply store in Blairmore.

The office of the West Canadian Collieries Co. is being remodeled and renovated. An eighty-foot flagpole is also being erected near the office.

Thomas A. Edson, the electric wizard, has accepted the appointment under the U. S. navy to head a board of inventors for naval purposes.

Two parties of Blairmoreites followed Peake Walton to the North Park on Saturday. Returning Sunday night, one of the cars became disengaged through the breaking of an axle, and as a result the occupants were obliged to ride six miles to Lundbreck on Shanks' Mare. The sixty miles they thoroughly enjoyed the trip, and that the fishing was fine; but we know there are much better fish in the stream than those they caught, and "gee vat, dat was a long six miles!"

The funeral of the largest man in Elgin County took place on July 1st in the township of Bayham. His name was John H. Dennis, and he lived all his life on the farm where he died. When eleven years old he weighed 200 pounds, and at his death, his weight was 506 pounds. His waist measure was 9 feet, his chest 8 feet. The casket was 80 by 36 by 72 in., and the body had to be carried outside and put into it where it lay, under a tent. Twelve men placed the casket on a dray.

Just after the editor had written that paragraph about the warm weather, a hailstorm hit us—and it hit hard. In 15 minutes gardens throughout the town were ruined entirely and practically every window facing north was smashed. Some of the hailstones, spherical in shape, were as large as a pigeon's egg. How far the storm extended is not known at present, but wherever it hit the damage will be heavy. The storm delayed the issue of The Provincial several hours.—Innfall Province.

The key to many a woman's heart these days is khaki.

Miss K. Bedford, of Lethbridge, is visiting friends in Blairmore.

Mrs. Kidd's maternity home, Box 95, Phone 151. Wedding cakes decorated.

Miss L. Lafoury returned from a visit to Spokane and other western points on Monday.

Water was shut off for a few hours on Wednesday, while the dam was being cleaned out.

Up to July 15th the Fruit Growers Union of Creston, handled over 11,000 crates of strawberries.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Heywood left by Monday night's train enroute to their old home in Gloucester, England.

Oats growing to the height of 6 feet, rye 7 feet, clover 6 feet 10 inches are reported from Canyon City, B.C.

Mr. Hunter, of Coleman, left by Monday night's train on a visit to his old home and friends at Sprig Hill, N.S.

E. Slingsby of Coleman, has enlisted as an army mechanic, and left for the Old Country via Calgary on Tuesday.

T. C. Watkins Jones, of Edmon-ton, is spending a short holiday with his brother, Rev. Watkins Jones, at Macleod.

Two citizens died from injuries received by being hit by a Great Northern train at Colebrook, B.C., on July 20th.

William C. Osborne, who had been arranging to acquire some live stock, returned to the ranch on Saturday morning.

J. Huston, who has been cashier at the local branch of the Union Bank of Canada for several years, is being transferred to the Winnipeg branch.

A mob of infuriated Hayters removed Ylbert Guillaume, president of Hayti, from the French legation, at Port au Prince, and shot him to death on Tuesday.

The Fernie District Ledger, the official organ of District 18 of the United Miners of America, announces that it will suspend publication after July the 31st. We sincerely regret that circumstances make it necessary to cut out the Ledger, which has been one of the most noisy and interesting papers on our exchange list. We trust it will not long be in suspense, and that its revival will be more strongly appreciated than ever before.

"The Blairmore branch writes of an interesting donation made to the Red Cross society in that town. The secretary says: 'Perhaps you would be interested to know how we were able to make our donation of \$100 for medical supplies, in addition to paying for the upkeep of our bed. We were so fortunate as to have a house and lot donated by one of our townpeople and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Sinclair) to be sold by auction, and the proceeds devoted to the Red Cross funds. Wasn't that nice?'

In glancing over our exchanges last week, we notice where an Alberta editor took the trouble to walk out to the cemetery. While there this village scribe noticed the new fence, spruce trees and other improvements. This is the first editor on record, to our knowledge, who has ever walked to such a place to take a glimpse, at those who are enjoying the long rest,—most of us can see enough "dead ones" when looking through our front window to satisfy our curiosity until such times as we will meet them face to face "over the border." —Ex.